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New Daytime Lane Restriction in American Fork Planned for I-15 CORE

Commuters, Residents and BYU Fans Should Plan Extra Time

LEHI, Utah (Oct. 18, 2010) -- For the week of Oct. 18, construction teams on UDOT's Utah County I-15 Corridor Expansion (I-15 CORE) are scheduled to implement a new daytime lane restriction on Interstate 15 in American Fork, which is expected to add additional travel time for commuters, residents and BYU game traffic. The following is a brief description of significant I-15 CORE activities this week:

I-15, 100 East American Fork to 200 South Lindon

Crews are scheduled to close one northbound I-15 lane from 100 East in American Fork to 200 South in Lindon for concrete paving as early as Friday, Oct. 22 for two weeks. The restriction to three lanes on southbound I-15 between American Fork and Lindon is expected to remain in effect through Oct. 25 as crews finish paving. UDOT is timing traffic signals to keep State Street as a good alternate to I-15. The exact start and completion dates will depend on weather, so drivers are encouraged to check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) for the latest information. Heavy delays through peak travel times are expected.

These restrictions could create additional congestion for those traveling to and from the BYU football game Saturday. Fans are advised to leave early and stay in town after the game to reduce delays. UDOT will send a special pre-game and fourth-quarter message of the best routes to those who text "i15" to 53535.

I-15, 500 East American Fork

At the 500 East I-15 interchange, all southbound ramps are scheduled to remain closed through Oct. 30. Northbound ramps will likely close on Monday, Oct. 25, resulting in a full interchange closure for five days. Access on 500 East over I-15 will remain open during these extended closures. Motorists are advised to use the American Fork Main Street or Pleasant Grove Boulevard interchanges to State Street as alternate routes. Detour maps are available on the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core).

300 West Spanish Fork

Construction teams are scheduled to close both directions of 300 West in Spanish Fork at I-15 for 24 hours Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7 a.m. through Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7 a.m. as crews demolish the old northbound I-15 bridge. During the closure, Spanish Fork Main Street is the designated alternate route. The 300 West bridge is one of the 63 new, rebuilt or modified structures on I-15 CORE.

To minimize delays, UDOT encourages motorists to TravelWise by carpooling, telecommuting, using alternate routes and shifting travel times to avoid commuting hours. Stay informed by signing up for weekly e-mail updates at udot.utah.gov/i15core, following the project on facebook.com/i15core and twitter.com/i15core and receiving text updates by texting “i15” to 53535.

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Construction activities and dates are subject to change. Dates are weather-permitting and could change with short notice. Please check the I-15 CORE website (udot.utah.gov/i15core) or the project's Twitter feed (twitter.com/i15core) for the latest information.